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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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(North Dakota) ND, federal and local leaders test preparedness for explosion, derailment of crude oil trains. Representatives from more than 20 state and federal agencies, plus local leaders, conducted a four-hour exercise Wednesday designed to test how well they would handle the derailment and explosion of crude oil train cars in Fargo or Bismarck. <http://www.inforum.com/content/nd-federal-and-local-leaders-test-preparedness-explosion-derailment-crude-oil-trains>

(North Dakota) North Dakota hits 1 million barrels per day mark. Preliminary oil production figures released Tuesday by the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources put April production at 1,001,149 barrels per day. http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/north-dakota-hits-million-barrels-per-day-mark/article_a82635f6-f66a-11e3-a80f-001a4bcf887a.html

(North Dakota) Spills reported in North Dakota. The North Dakota Department of Health reported June 17 that a spill of 2,000 barrels of water used in oil recovery at a Denbury Onshore site was due to a leak in the flow line. The health department also reported that 20 barrels of oil and water spilled the week of June 9 into a small stream in Williams County. http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Energy-Resources/2014/06/18/Spills-reported-in-North-Dakota/2511403099703/

REGIONAL

(Washington) Washington state residents rail against oil shipments. Numerous speakers told a Washington State Senate committee Tuesday that they oppose the rapid increase in rail cars carrying crude oil from the Bakken fields of North Dakota and Montana through the state. http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2014/06/washington_residents_rail_agai.html

(South Dakota) Tornado damages homes and businesses in South Dakota town. A tornado touched down June 18 in Wessington Springs, South Dakota, destroying three businesses and causing significant damage to farms, commercial buildings, and homes in the area. Strong winds associated with the storm system downed power lines in the area, posing a safety hazard.

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<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/06/19/us-usa-storm-idUSKBN0EU0AF20140619>

(Minnesota) Water woes in Mankato; state park closes; 100K acres of crops lost in Rock Co. Officials reported that an estimated 100,000 acres of crops and farmland in Rock County, Minnesota, were damaged by strong storms that produced heavy rains and hail during the week of June 16. The storms eroded fields, flooded creeks and rivers, and caused cattle to be washed from the fields into the Rock River where they drowned.

<http://www.startribune.com/local/263626331.html?page=all&prepage=1&c=y>

(Iowa; Nebraska, South Dakota) Flood summary: I-29 closing in SD, metro bike trails closing. Interstate 29 in southeast South Dakota was closed June 19 as cities in Iowa and Nebraska fought a surging Big Sioux River after heavy rainfall pushed the waterway to high levels in some areas. A levee breach in Iowa June 18 caused flooding while the town of Rock Rapids lost its water supply indefinitely.

<http://www.kcci.com/weather/saylorville-to-rise-16-feet-with-more-rain-on-the-way/26549564>

(Nebraska) Tornadoes flatten tiny rural Nebraska town; 2 dead. Two tornadoes touched down June 16 in Pilger, Nebraska, damaging or destroying between 50 and 75 percent of the town, including grain bins, a co-op, a school, and several buildings and homes, and prompting an evacuation of the town's 350 residents and closure of all roadways in the area. Two individuals were killed and 19 others were injured by the storm system. <http://news.msn.com/us/tornadoes-flatten-tiny-rural-nebraska-town-2-dead>

NATIONAL

(National) After oil, natural gas may be next on North American rails. Buoyed by the unexpected success of crude by rail, companies are beginning to consider transporting natural gas as remote drilling frontiers emerge beyond the reach of pipelines, executives said. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/06/17/us-usa-railway-natgas-idUSKBN0ER1G820140617>

(Maryland) Military Blimps Will Float In Aberdeen, Tracking Potential Threats. Soon, two large blimps will soon rise over Harford County, Maryland and stay put.

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Radar blimps like these have been used on the battlefield to track the enemy, and in the Caribbean to intercept drug runners.

<http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2014/06/17/military-blimps-will-float-in-aberdeen-tracking-potential-threats/>

(National) Nation state-sponsored attackers hacked two airports, report says.

The Center for Internet Security (CIS) released a report June 19 detailing how federal authorities, industry, and CIS identified and took action against a series of attacks by a state-sponsored advanced persistent threat group that targeted systems at 75 U.S. airports via a phishing campaign. Two airports were compromised before authorities discovered the operation.

<http://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2014/06/nation-state-sponsored-attackers-hacked-two-airports-report-says/86812/>

(National) Kraft Foods recalls Velveeta due to spoilage, illness concerns. Kraft Foods Group Inc., issued a recall June 19 for 260 cases of Velveeta original pasteurized recipe cheese sold at Walmart stores in as many as 12 States due to insufficient levels of sorbic acid, a preservative, that could result in premature spoilage or cause food-borne illnesses.

<http://www.news10.net/story/news/2014/06/19/kraft-foods-recalls-260-velveeta-due-to-lack-of-preservatives/10889575/>

INTERNATIONAL

(Iraq) U.S. evacuates embassy as bombs, fighting rock Iraq. Islamic militant insurgents captured the northern Iraqi town of Tal Afar early Monday, its mayor and residents said, striking another blow to the nation's Shiite-led government a week after it lost a vast swath of territory in the country's north.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2014/06/15/iraq-us-qaeda-insurgency/10545803/>

(International) FCC issues largest fine in history to company selling signal jammers. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) fined online retailer CTS Technology \$34.9 million for marketing and selling several models of signal jammers that are illegal in the U.S. The FCC is also trying to force the company to report who they sold the jammers to.

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<http://www.theverge.com/2014/6/19/5824344/fcc-issues-signal-jammer-seller-largest-fine-ever-34-9-million>

(International) Critical flaw exposes admin passwords of nearly 32,000 servers.

A researcher with CARI.net's Security Incident Response Team discovered that 31,964 servers with Supermicro baseboard management controllers (BMCs) will disclose their password files in plain text to anyone who connects to port 49152. The issue was fixed in a patch, but the patch requires administrators to reflash their systems with a new IPMI BIOS, which is not always possible.

<http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17032>

(International) Malicious Google Play clone steals banking credentials. Google and FireEye worked to take down email addresses associated with a piece of banking malware that imitates the Google Play icon in Android devices and steals users banking and personal information. The malware was spotted by only 3 of 51 security programs and appears to currently be targeting Korean-speaking users.

<http://www.darkreading.com/>

(International) Scan of Google Play apps reveals thousands of secret keys.

Researchers with Columbia University used an automated tool called PlayDrone to scan, download, and decompile over 880,000 apps from the Google Play app store and found that several app developers often leave secret authentication keys embedded in the apps, potentially allowing attackers to steal user data or server resources, among other findings.

<http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17026>

(International) Technology sites "riskier" than illegal sites in 2013, according to Symantec data. Symantec researchers released a post based on Norton Web Safe user data that found that technology Web sites were the riskiest category of site to visit in 2013 based on the amount of malware and fake antivirus attempts utilizing that category of sites to attempt to infect users.

<http://www.scmagazine.com/technology-sites-riskier-than-illegal-sites-in-2013-according-to-symantec-data/article/355982/>

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BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(National) P.F. Chang's confirms credit card breach. P.F. Chang's Chinese Bistro stated June 14 that it had confirmed that it was the victim of a customer payment card data breach affecting an unknown number of customers. The company stated that it has temporarily switched to manual payment card imprinting to process transactions while the breach continues to be investigated.

<http://krebsonsecurity.com/2014/06/p-f-changs-confirms-credit-card-breach/>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(National) GM recalls 3.2M more US cars for ignition problems. General Motors announced recalls June 16 for 3.2 million vehicles of seven models from model years 2000 to 2014 due to an issue with the design of the vehicles' keys that can result in the key moving out of "run," which can shut down the engine and disable airbags and power steering. <http://news.msn.com/us/gm-recalls-32m-more-us-cars-for-ignition-problems>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

(Washington) Fake calls of distress costs \$200,000, Coast Guard says. The U.S. Coast Guard is searching for an individual who placed fake distress calls in Seattle in May and June, leading to rescue efforts that cost more than \$200,000. Rescuers searched for a burning fishing vessel in May in Puget Sound, and searched for an adult and child who had reportedly abandoned a vessel taking on water in June.
<http://triblive.com/usworld/nation/6313942-74/coast-guard-call>

ENERGY

(Arizona) Concern widens over sabotage at Nogales power station. Authorities continue to investigate after Nogales Police determined June 13 that a crude incendiary device placed next to a 50,000 gallon diesel tank at the UniSource Energy Services-owned Valencia Generating Station in Arizona did not explode, only ignited, charring the steel tank June 11.
http://azstarnet.com/business/local/sabotage-at-nogales-plant-puts-focus-on-threats-to-grid/article_49b7eedf-d0d3-5dd7-8344-2b9d92989878.html

(Nebraska) Nuclear plant north of Omaha prepares for flooding. The operators of the Fort Calhoun nuclear power plant near Omaha stated that the plant would reduce power as it prepares to deal with rising waters on the Missouri River. Temporary sandbag berms were constructed at the plant and equipment including flood doors and mobile pumps were ready in case of flooding.
<http://www.chron.com/news/article/Nuclear-plant-north-of-Omaha-prepares-for-flooding-5566780.php>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(North Dakota) South African farm worker killed in McLean County grain bin accident. A man was killed June 16 when a cone of corn collapsed on him while he was working in a grain bin on a McLean County, North Dakota farm.
http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/south-african-farm-worker-killed-in-mclean-county-grain-bin/article_fc8233c2-f631-11e3-95b3-001a4bcf887a.html

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(Nebraska) Weekend storms wreak havoc on area farmers. Grain elevators at Keene's Aurora Cooperative and Wilcox-based CPI, and a grain bin at K.A.A.P.A. ethanol were damaged by severe storms that moved through Nebraska June 14. High winds and heavy rainfall associated with the storms also knocked over grain bins and damaged crops in the area.

<http://www.nebraska.tv/story/25782965/weekend-storms-wreak-havoc-on-area-farmers>

(Minnesota) Man nearly buried in corn rescued. Crews rescued a man who fell into a grain bin on a farm near Lewiston, Minnesota, June 12 by tying a rope around the victim, cutting a hole near the bottom of the bin to pump the corn out, and using special rescue tubes. The man suffered non-life-threatening injuries. <http://ksn.com/2014/06/13/man-nearly-buried-in-corn-rescued/>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(New Mexico; Iowa) Two Chinese arrested in military device smuggling case. Search warrant records were unsealed the week of June 9 detailing how Albuquerque, New Mexico authorities arrested two Chinese nationals in 2013 and 2014 for allegedly attempting to export sensors used in military guidance systems after brokering a deal with an undercover agent in New Mexico. One suspect attempted to purchase up to 20 sensors for research projects while working as a graduate research assistant at the Iowa State University while the other suspect was caught attempting to board a flight to China hiding a sensor in computer speaker. <http://www.abqjournal.com/415940/news/chinese-held-in-military-smuggling.html>

(Tennessee) Two teens charged with foiled Columbine-inspired mass shooting plot at Volunteer High. The Hawkins County Sheriff's Office announced June 13 that two juveniles were arrested for allegedly planning a mass shooting at Volunteer High School in Church Hill, Tennessee. Investigators found several guns, journals, firecrackers, and floor plans of the high school during a search of one suspect's home in December. <http://www.wjhl.com/story/25763800/two-male-juveniles-charged-for-allegedly-planning-mass-shooting-at-hawkins-county-school>

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(International) Flaws found in USCIS RFID card production systems. A report released by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) found several significant security issues in the system used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) to produce RFID-enabled identification cards. The OIG report found that almost all workstations in the system were missing 6 years' worth of Java patches and an Oracle database server was missing 22 patches. <http://threatpost.com/flaws-found-in-us-customs-rfid-card-production-system>

(Georgia) Exclusive: U.S. says 75 government scientists possibly exposed to anthrax. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported June 19 that as many as 75 scientists working in federal government laboratories in Atlanta may have been exposed to live anthrax bacteria June 13 after failing to follow proper procedures to inactivate the bacteria and transporting it to lower-security CDC labs. The employees are being tested and an internal investigation is underway. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/06/19/us-usa-anthrax-idUSKBN0EU2D620140619>

(Indiana) 'Intentional misuse' of federal economic development money found in Indiana. The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General released an audit claiming Indiana intentionally misused federal funds when its contractor, Elevate Ventures, funneled \$499,986 in federal cash to a start-up business called Smarter Remarketer managed by the firm's chairman. Indiana officials claim the investment was fully recovered and both entities will follow new policies and practices to ensure funds are appropriately used in the future. <http://www.indystar.com/story/money/2014/06/19/intentional-misuse-federal-economic-development-money-found-indiana/10876789/>

(Wisconsin) 6 tornadoes strike Wisconsin; UW-Platteville campus damaged. The University of Wisconsin-Platteville was closed June 17 after at least 6 tornadoes moved through Wisconsin damaging at least 5 buildings on campus. Country View Elementary School in Verona also suffered damage due to the tornadoes. http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_25978043/southern-wisconsin-severe-storms-damage-homes

(Ohio) 8 hospitalized after chlorine leak at school pool. Six children and two adults were transported to area hospitals after a large amount of chlorine leaked

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into a swimming pool at Happy Day School in Kent June 17. Staff members and students reported feeling ill after a pool pump was restarted, causing an excessive amount of chlorine to enter the pool.

<http://www.sacbee.com/2014/06/17/6490501/8-hospitalized-after-chlorine.html>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) OpenSSL vulnerability addressed in Android 4.4.4 updates.

Google released an update for Android KitKat, version 4.4.4, which closes a significant OpenSSL injection vulnerability in the crypto library. The update will be deployed to Nexus devices automatically, though factory images were also made available for manual updating. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/OpenSSL-Vulnerability-Addressed-in-Android-4-4-4-Update-447637.shtml>

(International) Code hosting Code Spaces destroyed by extortion hack attack.

Cloud code hosting service Code Spaces announced that it was forced to shut down its business after attackers deleted most of its stored code and backups after a ransom that accompanied a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack was not paid. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17028>

(International) Alleged associate of NullCrew arrested on federal hacking charge involving cyber attacks on companies and universities. The FBI arrested a Tennessee man June 11 and charged him with federal computer hacking for allegedly conspiring to launch cyberattacks on two universities and three companies, and releasing information from previously hacked computers causing significant financial damage to the institutions. The suspect is believed to be an associate of the NullCrew hacking group. <http://www.fbi.gov/chicago/press-releases/2014/alleged-associate-of-nullcrew-arrested-on-federal-hacking-charge-involving-cyber-attacks-on-companies-and-universities>

PUBLIC HEALTH

(Wisconsin) Police: Nurse at UW Hospital stole morphine from dozens of patients. A former nurse at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison was arrested June 12 when investigators found that she stole syringes of hydromorphone and morphine at least 40 times between October and March, and refilled the syringes with water or saline. Authorities were alerted in March

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and the hospital put her on leave before she ended her employment in April.

http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/crime_and_courts/police-nurse-at-uw-hospital-stole-morphine-from-dozens-of/article_378181d9-19f5-5f25-97a5-48d411176620.html

TRANSPORTATION

(Minnesota) Highway 169 closed from Shakopee through Belle Plaine. Highway 169 in Louisville Township was closed in both directions between 150th Street and Highway 19 indefinitely due to heavy rainfall June 19 that caused major flooding. Several other roads were also closed off in the area due to erosion caused by the flooding.

http://www.chanvillager.com/news/general_news/highway-closed-from-shakopee-through-belle-plaine/article_5140c3dc-d68f-510d-a6e3-86911d123626.html

WATER AND DAMS

(Iowa) Most Iowa water utilities dump nitrates in rivers. Water authorities in Des Moines and the operators of most of Iowa's other nitrate removal systems stated that their facilities release nitrates removed during water treatment back into waterways, causing downstream facilities to have to remove the nitrates again. The practice is legal and often done because of the size and cost of systems that can reprocess the nitrates into useable fertilizers.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/2014/06/15/cities-often-send-nitrates-downstream-treatment/10544605/>

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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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